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TO: Persons Involved With Poultry Exhibits at Washington Fairs

FROM: Julie Broome, Avian Health Program Coordinator 

RE: **Update:** POLICY – NATIVE POULTRY BEING EXHIBITED AT WASHINGTON FAIRS

As a reminder, all poultry going to exhibit must test negative for Salmonella pullorum-typhoid (P-T). This rule applies to chickens, exotic fowl, and game birds; but excludes waterfowl, doves, and pigeons. **Birds under the age of 16 weeks do not need to be tested for P-T.** Exhibitors that meet one of the two options below **do not** need to have their birds P-T tested prior to exhibit:

1. The exhibitor is a participant in the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP); or
2. Within the past twelve months, the show birds were bought from:
  - a. NPIP participants;
  - b. Hatcheries; or
  - c. Feed stores

Exhibitors that do not meet the criteria above **must** test negative for P-T within 90 days of going to exhibit. Exhibitors can meet the requirements using the options below:

1. A veterinarian, vet tech or trained personnel can draw ½ CC of blood from each bird and send the samples to the WSU Avian Health and Food Safety Laboratory in Puyallup, WA; or
2. A WSDA field veterinarian can perform P-T testing at the fair (applicable fee will apply). If you are interested in this service, please contact Julie Broome (see contact information below).

If you have any questions please contact Julie Broome at (360) 725-5762 or [jbroome@agr.wa.gov](mailto:jbroome@agr.wa.gov).

